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## Land Grant Application- Holt, John (Bethel)

John Holt

Lydia Holt

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Paris, June 17th. 1836

Dear Sir,

I herewith transmit the declaration of Lydia Hott,  
Widow of John Hott. under the Resolve of 24th. March 1836. with  
the evidence from the War Department to support her claim.

With much respect,

Your obt. servt.

Thomas Clarke

Wm Woot Jun. Esq.

mas Black, agent

before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County; personally appeared  
[redacted] day of [redacted]  
[redacted]

Know all Men these Presents That I, *James H. H. H.*  
of *Boyle* County, *Boyle* in the County of *Boyle* State of *Boyle*

and my said Agent is hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of  
eight hundred and thirty five, entitled 'Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Bevo  
Resolve additional to a Resolve', passed March seventeenth, in the year of our Lord one thousand  
as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolve of the said State, passed March 24, 1833, entitled a  
Attorney for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate  
constitute and appoint *James Clark* of *Freeport* my true and lawful  
and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the foregoing declaration was made, do hereby

I Lydia Holt — of Bethel — in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, aged Seventy two years, do, upon oath, declare

in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 24, 1836, entitled a "Resolve additional to a Resolve, passed March seventeenth, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, entitled 'Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers,'" that I am the widow of

John Holt — late of Bethel — in the County of Oxford and state of Maine, who died at Bethel on the sixteenth

day of July — A. D. 1830. That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, John Holt — did enlist into the

service of the United States, in the Massachusetts line, in the month of January 1780. for the term of three years, in the company commanded by Capt Michael Hildes in the regiment commanded by Col. Rufus Putnam, in the 2d.

Brigade in the Massachusetts line, & served as a private soldier, until the 20th day of Oct. 1783, when he received an Honorable discharge, signed by Henry Knox Maj. General —

I do further on oath declare that I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, John Holt — was at the time of his said enlistment, an inhabitant of

Andover, Massachusetts

and that I do know that he was at the time of his decease as aforesaid, an inhabitant of the said State of Maine, residing in Bethel — aforesaid, where he had resided for

forty three years before his decease. That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that neither my said late husband, nor any one claiming under him did receive, (nor have I received since his decease,) a grant of land, or money in lieu thereof, either from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or the State of Maine, for his said service, or any other service during the Revolutionary War, and that I am therefore justly entitled to the full benefit of said Resolve.

Attest Timothy Caster

her  
Lydia X Holt  
mark

STATE OF MAINE.

Oxford ss....Subscribed and sworn to this fifteenth day of June 1836.  
BEFORE ME,

Timothy Caster Justice of the Peace.



**Know all Men by these Presents, That I**

*Lydia Holt* of *Bethel* in the County of *Oxford*  
and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the foregoing declaration was made, do hereby  
constitute and appoint *Thomas Clark* of *Parris, Eng* - my true and lawful  
Attorney for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate  
as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolve of the said State, passed March 24, 1836, entitled a  
"Resolve additional to a Resolve, passed March seventeenth, in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and thirty five, entitled 'Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revo-  
lutionary War, and the Widows of the deceased Officers and Soldiers,' to the benefit of which  
Resolve I am entitled. And my said Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of  
said certificate, for me and in my name, to execute such receipt or acknowledgment therefor, as I  
might, were I personally present. *I likewise to receive from the State Treasurer the sum of \$1000*  
*to which I am entitled by virtue of said Resolve*

HEREBY ratifying and confirming whatever my Attorney shall do by virtue hereof, Witness my hand  
and seal this day of *June* - A. D. 1836.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED  
IN PRESENCE OF

*Timothy Carter*

*in*  
*Lydia Holt*  
*marks*

**STATE OF MAINE.**

*Oxford* ss.

Be it Known, that on this *fifteenth* day of *June* 1836,  
before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said County, personally appeared *Lydia Holt*  
above named, and acknowledged the foregoing power of Attorney by her signed,  
to be her free act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto subscribe my name the day and year last above mentioned.

*Timothy Carter* Justice of the Peace.

Lydia Holt, widow of <sup>579</sup>  
John Holt.

Filed Nov. 10, 1835, —

Not on Rolls.

Rejected.

See claim N<sup>o</sup>. 101. Resolved

March 24, 1836, —

Thomas Clarke, agent.

I Lydia Holt of Bethel in the county of Oxford and State of Maine, aged 72 years, do upon oath declare, in order to obtain the benefit of a Resolve of the Legislature of Maine, passed March 17, 1835, entitled a "Resolve of the Legislature of Maine in favor of certain officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary war, and the widows of the deceased officers and soldiers," that I am the widow of John Holt late of Bethel in the county of Oxford and State of Maine, who died at Bethel in the county of Oxford and State of Maine, on the 16th day of July A.D. 1830. That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband, John Holt —, did enlist in the service of the United States, in the year —, in the company commanded by Capt Michael Houdin — in the Regiment commanded by Col. Rufus Putnam, in the last three years <sup>service</sup> — he was at the time of his decease a pensioner under the act of March 18th 1818. He enlisted for the term of three years — and actually served for the term of three years: at the expiration of which term he was honorably discharged —

Attest Timothy Carter Lydia <sup>her</sup> Holt  
mark

I do further on oath declare, that I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that my said late husband John Holt — was at the time of his said enlistment, an inhabitant of Andover in Massachusetts and that I do know that he was at the time of his decease as aforesaid, an inhabitant of the said State of Maine, residing in Bethel aforesaid where he had resided for 44 years before his decease. That I have reason to believe, and do fully believe, that neither my said late husband, nor any one claiming under him, did receive, nor have I received since his decease) a grant of land, or money in lieu thereof, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for his said service, or any other service during the Revolutionary War, and that I am justly entitled to the full benefit of said Resolve.

Attest Timothy Carter Lydia <sup>her</sup> Holt  
mark

State of Maine, Oxford ss. Subscribed and sworn to this 5th day of November 1835. Before me,

Timothy Carter Justice of the Peace.

State of Maine.

Oxford ss.

I the subscriber, Judge of Probate, within and for the county of Oxford, do hereby certify, that satisfactory evidence has been adduced to me, that ~~Hannah~~ <sup>Lydia</sup> ~~Hott~~ — by whom the foregoing declaration was made, was the lawful wife, and is now the widow of John ~~Hott~~ late of Bethel in the county of Oxford deceased.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 5th day of November A.D. 1835.

Stephen Emery

Know all men by these presents, that I Lydia Holt of Bethel in the county of Oxford and State of Maine, being the same person by whom the foregoing declaration was made, do hereby constitute and appoint Thomas Larocier Esq of Paris, my true and lawful Attorney, for me and in my name, to receive from the Land Agent of the State of Maine, such certificate as he may issue to me, in virtue of a Resolve of the said State, passed March 17, 1835, entitled a "Resolve in favor of certain Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary war, and the widows of the deceased Officers and soldiers", to the benefit of which Resolve I am entitled. and my said Attorney is hereby authorized and empowered upon the receipt of said certificate, for me and in my name, to execute such receipt or acknowledgment therefor, as I might, were I personally present. Hereby ratifying and confirming whatever my said Attorney shall do by virtue hereof. Witness my hand and seal this 5th day of November A.D. 1835

Signed sealed and delivered  
in presence of  
Timothy Carter  
Hiram Flatto

her  
Lydia Holt  
mark

State of Maine.

Oxford ss.

Be it known, that on this 5th day of November 1835. before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said county, personally appeared, Lydia Holt above named, and acknowledged the foregoing Power of Attorney, by her signed, to be her free act and deed. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name the day and year last above mentioned,

Timothy Carter Justice of the Peace.



I **HEREBY** certify, that the accompanying pages numbered from *one* to *five, inclusive*, are truly copied from the original *S.* in the Office of the Commissioner of Pensions, Department of War.

*J. L. Edwards*

Commissioner of Pensions.

**BE IT REMEMBERED,** That JAMES L. EDWARDS, who has signed the foregoing certificate, is Commissioner of Pensions; and that to his attestations full faith and credit are and ought to be given.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the seal of the Department to be affixed, on this *twenty-third* day of *April* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty *= six*.

*L. C. Chap*

Secretary of War.

*M<sup>r</sup>. Little, Aid. de Camp* *H. Knox M. General*

Copy

I, John Holt of Bethel in the County of Oxford and Commonwealth of Massachusetts a resident citizen of the United States aged fifty two years, on oath declare that at Andover in said Commonwealth in the month of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty, I enlisted into the army of the United Colonies of America in the Company commanded by Captain Michael Hurdang in the regiment commanded by Colonel Rufus Putnam in the second Brigade of the Massachusetts Line on the Continental Establishment, and served as a private soldier in the revolutionary war, untill the 28<sup>th</sup> day of October A.D. 1783, when I received an honorable discharge hereunto annexed.

I further testify that I am not borne on any pension list of the United States, & that by reason of my reduced circumstances in life, I am in need of assistance from my country for support. Wherefore I pray, that this application may be transmitted to the Secretary at War, to the end that I may be placed on the Pension List of the United States agreeably to the provisions of an Act of Congress passed March 18<sup>th</sup> 1818, entitled "An Act to provide for certain <sup>persons</sup> engaged in the land and Naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war".

John Holt.

By the Honorable Major General Knox commanding the Garrison of West Point, and its dependencies.

John Holt soldier in the first Massachusetts Regiment being enlisted for three years is hereby honorably discharged the service of the United States

Given at West Point this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 1783  
By the Generals Command  
An: Little, Aid. de Camp } H. Knox M. General.

Registered in the books of the Regiment.

No. Pettingill, Maj.

I John Killgore of Newry of lawful age, testify and say that John Holt of Bethel served in the war of the Revolution, on the Continental Establishment, against the Common Enemy, as a private soldier the years A.D. 1782 & 1783 in Capt. Hudang's Company in the fifth Massachusetts Regiment commanded by Col. Rufus Putnam.

John Killgore

Oxford Co.

Bethel May 18<sup>th</sup> 1818.

Personally, <sup>apparently</sup> the above named John Killgore and made oath to the truth of deposition by him subscribed before me

Timothy Carter, Jus. Peace.

United States of America

Maine District, Jo.

To Timothy Carter or Amos Hill, Esq  
of Bethel in the District of Maine

Greeting

(Seal)

Whereas, at a special District Court of said United States for the Maine District, holden at Paris in said District, on the seventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighteen John Holt of Bethel in said District presented an application to the Judge of said Court, setting forth that he served as a private soldier in the war of the revolution, on the Continental establishment against the common enemy, and requesting that an enquiry may be instituted into the circumstances of his case and

that <sup>such</sup> further proceedings may be had touching the premises as are prescribed by An Act of Congress passed March 18, 1818, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war", in order that he may be placed on the Pension List of said United States: — And whereas in the course of the examination here had, it appears that the testimony of sundry persons, who served with the applicant in the revolutionary army, at present residing in or near the town of Newry in the District of Maine aforesaid, is necessary and material in support of said application: —

Therefore, to the end that <sup>the</sup> testimony aforesaid may be had, and by virtue of the power vested in this Court by the laws of the United States, you or either of you are hereby appointed and authorized, at the proper expence of the applicant, to take the depositions of such persons as he may cause to come before you, touching the application aforesaid, and in particular as to the time when the applicant entered the service, and the time and manner of his leaving it, the company, regiment and hire to which he belonged, and whether the service was performed on the Continental establishment or in the militia of either of the States; and such depositions, when taken, and your certificate of the administration of the usual oath and of the credibility of the deponents, together with this *Deedimus Potestatem*, you will certify and return to the Judge of said Court without unnecessary delay.

Given under my hand and seal at Paris in said District, the day and year first mentioned.

Albion K. Parris  
Judge of the United States in  
and for the District of Maine



We the Subscribers, Select men of the Town of Bethel in the District of Maine, do hereby certify that we are personally acquainted with Dr. John Holt of said Town and from what we know of his situation it is our opinion that by reason of his reduced circumstances in life he is in need of assistance from his country for support. - Dated at Bethel aforesaid this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1818

Jon<sup>n</sup> Abbot } Select men  
Asa Kimball } Bethel.

United States of America.

Maine District, &c.

*L.S.* Be it remembered, That on the seventh day of May in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and eighteen, personally came John Holt the applicant named in the papers hereunto annexed, and after being duly cautioned and examined, made oath that the several statements by him made in the annexed application, signed in my presence, are wholly true.

And the said applicant further offered in evidence a regular discharge given him in the revolutionary war; and the deposition of John Kilgore, taken before Tim<sup>o</sup> Carter a respectable magistrate appointed by Dedimus for this purpose; and the certificate of Jon<sup>n</sup> Abbot & Asa Kimball, municipal officers of the Corporation to which said applicant belongs, relative to his circumstances in life; all which are hereunto annexed. And it appearing to me in the examination here had, that the several persons above named are credible witnesses, I do hereby admit the annexed declarations as evidence, and certify the same as being satisfactory proof to me that the said John Holt the applicant, served as a private soldier in the revolutionary war, against the common enemy,

for the term of nine months and upwards in continuation on the continental establishment. And I do further certify, that from the declaration of the applicant made before me, under oath as aforesaid, it does appear in consequence of his reduced circumstances in life, he is in need of assistance from his country for support; all which I do hereby certify and transmit to the Secretary of the Department of War, agreeably to the provisions of an Act of Congress, passed March 18, 1818, entitled "An Act to provide for certain persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the revolutionary war."

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused my Official Seal to be affixed the day and year first mentioned.

Albion K. Parrish

Judge of the United States  
in & for the District of Maine.